

--- “Series of 1883” - Thirty-five Pounds - Black - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the thirty-five pound stamp was not added to the 1883 coupon stamps until 1885. Thus there are no *block wmkd* thirty-five pound stamps.

Purely as an aside it can be noted, that there are no 5 pound, 35 pound or 100 pound 1883 Coupon stamps that carry the 5 mm. *Gothic violet control numbering*. The 5 pound stamp dates from 1888, while the other two date from 1885. This pretty well positions the *violet control numbered* stamps in the 1883-84 era. I feel that these stamps were either prepared for a philatelic exhibition in 1884, or were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists. At that time it was illegal to possess unused ‘genuine’ tax-paid stamps.

The catalogue lists the recess printed thirty-five pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

- RM-262** - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, *long wreath*, with ten one pound coupons and an **188_** stub
- RM-262a** - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, *long wreath*, with ten one pound coupons and an **188_** stub
- RM-263** - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls, *long wreath*, with ten one pound coupons and an **188_** stub

The collection *does not contain* a copy of a plate proof dated **189_**. Does this exist? Was the whole batch printed in Montreal in 1885 using the **188_** plates, and the remnants finally given their 5 mm. control numbers in Ottawa after the 1887 return by BABN?

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 21,000 copies of “35 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 137,700 copies of “35 lb. Black Coupon” = 132,700 by hand press + 5,000 by rotary press
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 174,815 copies of “35 lb. Black Coupon” = 61,065 by hand press + 113,750 by rotary press
5th BABN Supplement (1897-1898)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 26,945 copies of “35 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press

These latter copies were printed under the **5th BABN Contract**, and had remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were available to the Inland Revenue Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

241,710 by hand press + 118,750 by rotary press = 360,460 total

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 35 pound black Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)	21,000	- 000001 to 021000
4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)	137,700	- 021001 to 158700
5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)	174,815	- 158701 to 333515
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	<u>26,945</u>	- 333516 to 360460
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--- The “actual” control number range on the 35 pound black Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

35 lb., black, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove paper, with 4 mm. controls	- 033506 to 069180
35 lb., black, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove paper, with 5 mm. controls	- 200095 to 200791

--- RM-262 - Thirty-five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---

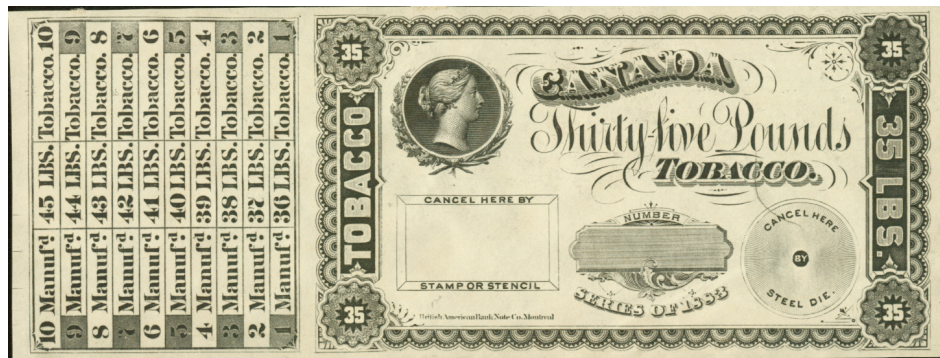


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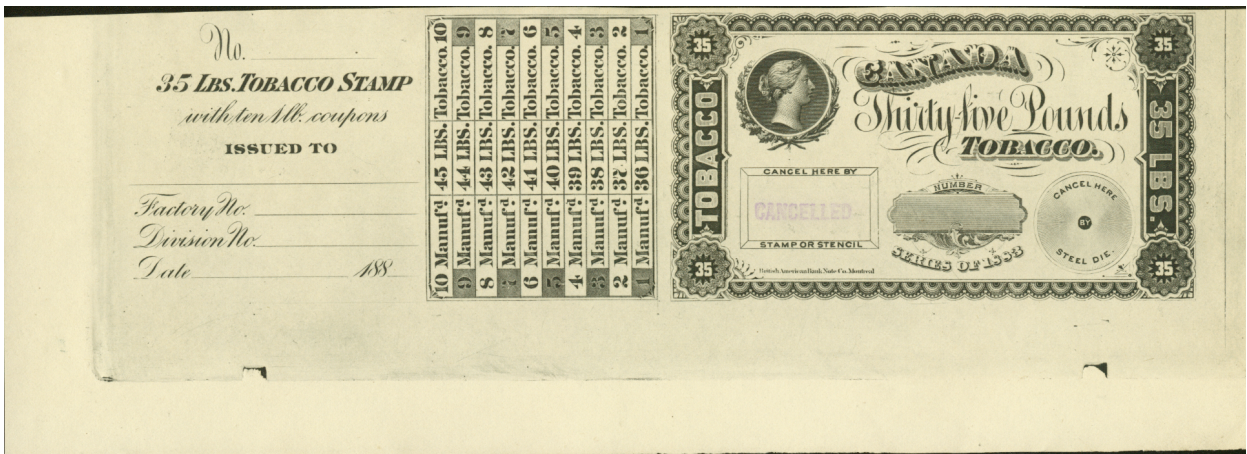
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long wreath, with ten one pound coupons and an **188_** stub



★**RM-262 PP** - 35 pounds, black, CWC, a plate proof, on *unwmkd* heavy wove paper

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★RM-262 PP / CP - 35 pounds, black, CWCS, a plate proof, on *unwmkd* heavy wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **188**_ stub - scanned at 60% scale

--- without control numbering ---



★RM-262n - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, *without* control numbering, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an **188**_ stub

--- RM-262 - Thirty-five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove - with 4 mm. control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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RM-262 - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls, *long wreath*, with ten one pound coupons and an 188_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 35 pound black Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892) 137,700 - 021001 to 158700



★**RM-262** - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control **033513**, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub



★**RM-262** - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, clipped at 36 pounds, with 4 mm. control **069180**, on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / C-4** by the licensed merchant “R. B. Seeton & Co.”, Halifax, N.S.

033506 ★	RM-262	35 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove
033513 ★	RM-262	35 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub
069180 ★	RM-262	35 pounds, black, perf 12, clipped at 36 pounds, on <i>unwmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / C-4 by the licensed tobacco merchant “R. B. Seeton & Co.”, Halifax, N. S.

--- RM-263 - Thirty-five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal wove - with 5 mm. Ottawa control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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long wreath, with ten one pound coupons and an **188**_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 35 pound black Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897) 174,815 - **158701** to **333515**

--- The “actual” control number range to date on this 35 pound black Coupon stamp ---

35 pounds, black, on *unwmkd* wove, with 4 mm. controls - **200095** to **200791**



★ **RM-263** - 35 pounds, black, perf 12, clipped at 40 pounds, with 5 mm. control **200791**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,
roller cancelled **TOBACCO / P-30** by the licensed tobacco merchant “Sewell Bros.” in Hamilton, Ontario

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35 pounds, black, perf 12, clipped at 40 pounds, on *unwmkd* wove
35 pounds, black, perf 12, clipped at 40 pounds, on *unwmkd* wove,
roller cancelled **TOBACCO / P-30**

--- RM-263 - Thirty-five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 5th ABN Supplement - 1897-98 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal wove - with 5 mm. Ottawa control numbers ---

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--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 35 pound black Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	26,945	- 333516 to 360460
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The collection *does not contain* a copy of **RM-263** control numbered as ‘delivered’ under the **5th ABN Supplement**. I presume that it would have the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait. **WANTED!**

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